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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER The week was considerably cooler than usual. Moderate to heavy rains fell over the northeastern and extreme east-central portions of the State, but elsewhere only light rains fell, except for a few scattered moderate to locally heavy showers. Winds were light, and there was about the usual amount of sunshine.

CROPS Corn deteriorated considerably last week following the drop in condition during the previous week. About 31% of the corn had tasseled by the close of last week as compared with 8% a week earlier. About 18% of the crop had tasseled by this date a year ago. The crop is very spotted due to local rainfall and areas short of moisture show more or less firing.

In areas favored with rainfall, corn is holding well. There was some rain throughout the state last week, but substantial rains were limited to a few Panhandle counties, some northeastern and east central counties. There was considerable damage from hail. The crop needs a good general rain.

Except for a few extreme western and northern counties in the Panhandle, the harvesting of winter wheat is completed. Yields vary from poor to good but the average is about the same as reported a week ago.

Condition of sorghum is generally holding well. More moisture will be needed to make a good crop. Corn leaf aphids are attacking milo. Grasshoppers are a threat to grain sorghum and corn. 1400 - 7/24/56

Oats and barley yields are very poor. Reports indicate the oat crop is one of the poorest for years and a considerable percentage will not be harvested for grain. An increasing number of counties are pasturing oats under the Soil Bank Program.

The condition of pasture held, due to better condition in some areas favored by rain, offsetting deterioration in other areas. The average condition in the state is very low. The pasture feed situation is serious in some counties.

All of the second crop of alfalfa has been harvested. Some yields were good but others were very poor and the average is low. Present prospects are not good for the third crop except in areas favored by rainfall. Grasshoppers have done considerable damage to alfalfa and aphids are present in some southern counties.

Wild hay shows a slightly lower condition as local rains did not improve the outlook materially. The crop is poor in the leading wild hay producing area in north central Nebraska.

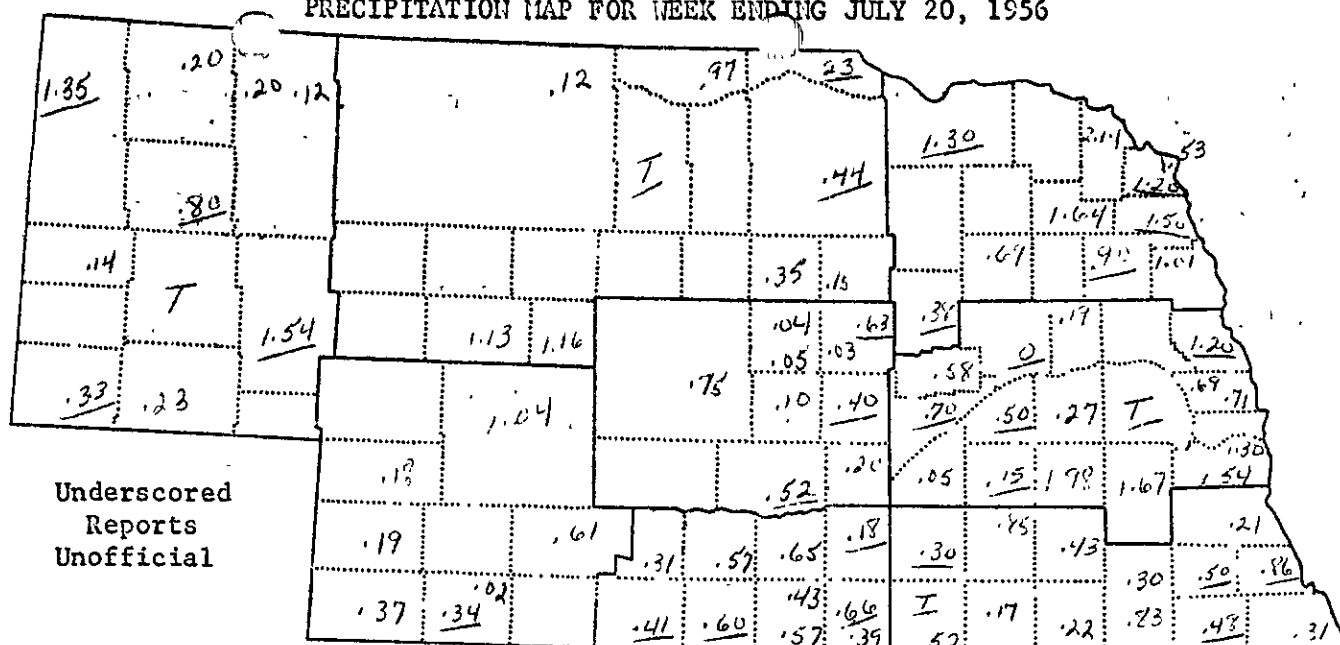
WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING JULY 23, 1956

<u>Eastern Division</u>	<u>Central Division</u>	<u>Western Division</u>
Grand Island .31	Curwell .35	Chadron .13
Lincoln .56	North Platte 1.33	Imperial .32
Norfolk .25	Valentine .12	Scottsbluff .09
Omaha .07		Sidney .12
Sioux City .66		

Precipitation, April 1 - July 20, 1956

	<u>Eastern Div.</u>	<u>Central Div.</u>	<u>Western Div.</u>
Total past week	0.80	0.43	0.15
Total since April 1	10.71	8.63	9.84
Long-Time Average since April 1	13.45	11.48	9.37

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING JULY 20, 1956



HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURES (Highs for 24 hours ending at 12:30 a.m. and lows for 12 hours ending at 6:30 a.m. CST)

		July		17th		18th		19th		20th		21st		22nd		23rd	
		Max Min		Max Min		Max Min		Max Min		Max Min		Max Min		Max Min		Max Min	
NW	Chadron	90	59	86	57	85	44	82	47	90	49	87	59	89	57		
	Scottsbluff	88	62	85	55	85	52	83	49	87	52	85	60	85	54		
	Sidney	87	57	84	55	84	52	82	49	86	50	88	62	85	55		
NC	Burwell	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	86	56	--	--
	Valentine	91	61	89	58	83	51	80	48	86	50	84	58	85	59		
NE	Norfolk	85	61	85	66	86	59	77	56	79	56	79	54	83	60		
	Sioux City	89	63	83	65	87	59	78	58	80	59	80	55	86	60		
CEN	Grand Island	89	63	84	61	84	58	80	55	83	56	85	60	78	61		
EC	Lincoln	91	64	86	69	89	64	81	60	83	61	83	61	82	67		
	Omaha	85	66	84	65	83	59	76	57	77	58	77	58	81	65		
SW	Imperial	90	62	86	59	82	51	83	49	87	52	90	60	84	54		
	North Platte	91	58	84	57	81	54	78	49	84	55	85	61	81	54		

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